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- 25X1 Dresden.
1. On 2 and 6 August 1951, the SS Kaserne Wilder Mann, Dresden, appeared to be occupied by a tank unit and a signal unit. All the soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. T-34/85 tanks were identified in the billeting area. that 500 to 600 troops marched out of the installation in 10 to 15 motorcycles, but not more than 3 tanks at a time. The signal unit in the SS Kaserne was observed practicing stringing lines near the installation. Materiel included 1 AT gun, 1 armored reconnaissance car, sedan and truck (1)
2. Between 2 and 4 August, the military billeting area containing the Hermann Goering Kaserne, the Napola and the veterinary hospital, Dresden, appeared to be only partially occupied. most of the barracks buildings were vacant at that time. observed groups of 3 to 8 tanks being driven by student drivers and or being repaired. four tanks at the veterinary hospital on 4 August. Small groups of soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia, were engaged in recreational activities.
3. Trucks were parked at the veterinary hospital on 3 August.
4. On 6 August, the collective billeting area of the Hermann Goering Kaserne and the Napola seemed to be only partially occupied. Only a few soldiers were seen in the billeting area and 100 to 120 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets and some with tank insignia received instruction in the neighboring training area. Truck was occupied by tank troopers at noon on 6 August and by air force troopers in the evening of the same day. Trucks were identified on blocks in the billeting area. Sedan was parked at the guardhouse. (2)
5. Two companies of recruits, wearing black-bordered red epaulets, were seen marching out the main gate of the Dresden-Klotzsche airfield installation on 10 August. Motor vehicles observed there between

Medium tanks

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identified in Klotzsche on 19 July.

6. During the period from 30 July to 11 August, the Hermann Goering Kaserne and the veterinary hospital, Dresden-Klotzsche, were occupied by a repair shop unit and a rear detail in the total strength of about 200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Truck [ ] was seen hauling ration supplies to the billeting area. The Napola was vacant but guarded by soldiers from the Hermann Goering Kaserne. (2) The Polizei Kaserne and the Festspielhaus (festival hall), Hellerau, were vacant. Only one window was lighted there at nightfall. (3)

7. The following observations were made in Dresden between 30 July and 3 August: Adolf Hitler Kaserne. Occupied by a unit of soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. About 10 to 20 of these troops were seen policing the billeting area and performing guard duty on three days. Three sedans and 5 trucks, including [ ] were parked in the barracks yard on 31 July. Nine sedans and trucks, including truck [ ] were seen there on 2 August. (4)

101st Grenadier Regt Kaserne. Apparently still housing a headquarters and guard units of soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. A great deal of activity was noticed in the billeting area on 31 July. Individual soldiers of all branches of service, except air, were observed at the installation. Vehicles identified there included trucks [ ] and sedans [ ] (5)

Maschinengewehr Kaserne on Alauptplatz. Quartered about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. About 70 soldiers were seen drilling in the barracks yard on [ ] Trucks [ ] were parked in the barracks area on 31 July. (6)

Koenig Georg Kaserne. Occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia and a few soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets who were seen there for the first time after a long interval. Despite the large number of troops in the installation, only about 30 unarmed soldiers were seen drilling there on 30 July. (7)

SS Kaserne Wilder Mann. Occupied by at least 1,200 troops who belonged to: a unit with red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia; a unit with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia; a unit with black-bordered black epaulets; and a unit with blue-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers from the installation were seen stringing a permanent telephone line, suspended from two rows of poles along Hellerhofstrasse in the so-called Heller area on 30 July. The setting-up of a third row of poles was started. Material was hauled in trucks driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 50 soldiers wearing black-bordered black or blue-bordered black epaulets were seen returning to the installation from bathing on 2 August. Intensive activity was noticed in the barracks yard. (1)

8. A German laborer working in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne stated that about 325 recruits arrived at the installation on foot from the Dresden-Friedrichstadt railroad station on the evening of 15 August. The recruits belonged to the 1932 and 1933 classes, were led by a senior lieutenant, and looked hungry. Some of them were without headgear. They said that they had been entrained in Smolensk on 28 June 1951. (4)

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9. A barracks employee stated that about 260 trained troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and commanded by a major arrived at the 101st Grenadier Regt Kaserne on 12 August. Vehicles parked in the billeting area on that day included trucks [redacted] and sedans [redacted]. Trucks [redacted] hauled fuel barrels to the installation from 13 to 17 August. They were driven by soldiers and escorted by soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] (5)

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Leipzig.

10. From 3 to 16 August, the Heiterblick Flak Kaserne in Leipzig (N 52/E 21) was occupied only very lightly. All the civilian employees were on leave. [redacted] truck [redacted] which left the Flak Kaserne loaded with 30 men, that the soldiers on his truck were to be taken to Liebertwolkwitz (N 52/E 20). [redacted] that half of the unit quartered in the barracks installation was presently training near Otterwisch (N 52/E 30), while the other half was staying at a troop training grounds. (8)

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11. The Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau quartered only a guard company of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. During the period from 11 to 16 August, three platoons of 35 men each repeatedly marched from the installation to the Festhall (swimming pool). Truck [redacted] hauled ration supplied to the installation (9)

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12. On 9 August, the barracks building west of the gate of the Hindenburg Kaserne, Leipzig, quartered troops with blue-bordered black epaulets instead of troops with black-bordered red epaulets as previously seen there. Trucks [redacted] and sedan [redacted] were identified at the installation between 9 and 13 August. (10)

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13. During the period from 11 to 19 August, the following observations were made in Leipzig:

Hindenburg Kaserne. Occupied by about 300 troops, who belonged to a unit with black-bordered blue epaulets and a unit with black-bordered crimson epaulets. Soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets were seen in the windows of the western barracks building. Trucks [redacted] and sedan [redacted] were also observed there. (11)

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Pak Kaserne on the south side of Wiederitzscher Weg. Housed a repair shop and a repair unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Truck [redacted] with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets stopped in front of the installation. Truck [redacted] was parked in the barracks yard. (11)

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Train Kaserne on the west side of Olbrichtstrasse. Apparently occupied by about 400 troops. Soldiers observed by source wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] loaded with soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, was parked opposite the main gate of the installation, another truck with a number of the same series in the barracks yard. (12)

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Flak Kaserne in Schoenau. Quartering about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. The hospital building of the installation was occupied by some military patients on 16 August. Twenty soldiers were seen drilling in the barracks yard. Truck [redacted] hauled in ration supplies. (9)

Flak Kaserne Heiterblick. Occupied by a unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. About 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, with one fifth of them wearing tank insignia, attended a soccer game in the billeting area on 19 August. [redacted] believed that all these troops were stationed in the installation, [redacted]

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25X1 [ ] Truck [ ] was identified in the billeting  
area. (8) 25X1

25X1 Leisnig.

[ ] II. Between 19 July and 15 August, only a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and truck [ ] were seen at Leisnig (N 52/K 69) 25X1  
military post. [ ]

25X1 [ ] the Busche Kaserne quartered from 50 to 60  
soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and the Friedrich August Kaserne  
about 35 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. [ ]  
observed 25 soldiers drilling in the Friedrich August Kaserne and 20 25X1  
soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets marching out of the Busche  
Kaserne. Truck [ ] was identified in the Busche Kaserne on three  
days. (13)

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[ ] Comments.

25X1 (1) Only paragraphs 1 and 7 indicate that the SS Kaserne, Dresden-Wilder Mann,  
was occupied to capacity, as was also reported [ ] at the 25X1  
beginning of July 1951. See [ ] . The present report confirms  
25X1 to a certain extent the motorcycle unit and the signal unit, which are  
carried in the installation. See [ ] . On the other hand, the  
present and previous reports make it doubtful that the SS Kaserne should  
also quarter the [ ] Hvy Tank SP Regt of the First Gds Mecz Army  
which has been tentatively carried there. Two of the four tank regiments  
of the 11th Gds Tank Div are believed to be quartered in the Koenig Georg  
Kaserne and the Hermann Goerring Kaserne respectively. In the course of  
three years, 30 to 40 tanks were seen by sources at least once in each  
of these two installations, but only 7 tanks were once seen in the SS  
Kaserne, Wilder Mann. According to the analysis of turret numbers of  
armored vehicles, individual tanks seen in the SS Kaserne belong to the  
11th Gds Tank Div. Thus, it may be possible that the unidentified Hvy  
Tank SP Regt of the First Gds Mecz Army does not exist at all, and that  
elements of one of the tank regiments of the 11th Gds Tank Div or tanks  
of the army undergoing repair are located in the SS Kaserne. Turret number  
319 mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report was probably mistaken  
and should read 913 which was observed by another source in the 25X1  
installation in July 1951. See [ ]

[ ] would indicate that the tank belongs to the 9th Tank Div and  
would indicate the presence of an army repair shop in the SS Kaserne.

25X1 [ ] on the other hand, would be indicative of the 11th Gds Tank  
Div. The statement in paragraph 1 of the present report to the effect  
that never more than 3 tanks were seen at the same time would rule out  
the presence of an entire tank regiment.

(2) According to information in paragraphs 2, 4 and 6 by three sources, the  
components of the 11th Gds Tank Div, including the 40th Gds Tank Regt,  
which are carried in the collective billeting area of the Hermann Goerring  
Kaserne and the Napola were still at Koenigsbrueck about the middle of  
25X1 August 1951. See [ ] . Most of the vehicle numbers mentioned  
in the present report belong to the 11th Gds Tank Div.

(3) According to two other sources, a processing center for troops was  
apparently located in the Polizei Kaserne, Helterau, in May and June 1951.  
25X1 See [ ] . The present report indicates that this center was  
deactivated in July 1951.

(4) Paragraph 7 confirms the army signal unit periodically observed in the  
Adolf Hitler Kaserne. The information indicates that the unidentified  
component of the 11th Gds Tank Div from the installation was at Koenigs-  
brueck at the time of observation, but sizable contingents of recruits  
25X1 arrived there. See [ ] . It is improbable that the recruits  
mentioned in paragraph 8 of the present report should have belonged to  
the 1932 and 1933 classes, because available documents indicate that the  
1932 class was only registered for the draft in January 1951.

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- (5) The information indicates that the Hq First Gds Mecz Army was still located in the 101st Grenadier Regt Kaserne.
- (6) The Maschinengewehr Kaserne on Alaunplatz is carried as quartering a headquarter unit of the First Gds Mecz Army. Its occupation was apparently increased from about 100 soldiers in May 1951 to about 600 by the arrival of recruits after [redacted]
- 25X1 (7) The 7th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div believed to be stationed in the southern portion of the Koenig Georg Kaserne has been at Koenigsbrueck since April 1951. See [redacted]. Recruits and the personnel of the 100th Repair Shop located in the northern portion of the installation are probably the only troops quartered there at present.
- 25X1 (8) Paragraphs 10 and 13 agree with previous information on the Heiterblick Kaserne, Leipzig. See [redacted]. According to this information, most of the components of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, which went to Koenigsbrueck in [redacted] 1951, were still there in the middle of August 1951. A large training unit, which was called a training course for junior officers [redacted] probably rotates to a25X1 hitherto unknown troop training grounds between Otterwisch and Liebertwolkwitz, southeast of Leipzig, as stated in paragraph 10 of the present report. Paragraph 13 indicates that this unit was again at its home station after [redacted] 1951. 25X1
- (9) Paragraphs 11 and 13 indicate no change with regard to the occupation of the Flak Kaserne, Leipzig-Schoenus, since a report of 13 July 1951 by another source. See [redacted] 25X1
- (10) Paragraphs 12 and 13 indicate that the SGO komendantura and Air Force [redacted] were still located in the Hindenburg Kaserne.
- (11) Probably the Ulanen Kaserne bordering on the central hospital to the northeast. The existence of a repair shop was previously known. Detailed information is not available.
- (12) About 300 to 800 troops were periodically observed in the Train Kaserne on Olbrichtstrasse, which is also believed to quarter a signal-communications unit of the GOFG. See [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 (13) Compare with information of late July 1951 by the same source. See [redacted]

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